GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE NEWSLETTER

Francisville

Spring 1987

PHILADELPHIA GREEN NEWS FROM FRANCISVILLE

Dear Friends of Francisville,

Spring is here! The days are longer and the weather is warmer. It's time to get back to your window boxes and gardens to fix up, paint up, and clean up. If you see a white Toyota pick-up truck, it's probably me. I am **Lynne Westfield**, your new Greene Countrie Towne Coordinator. I am available to answer any of your questions and hear any gardening concerns. Feel free to phone me at 625-8280. I am working with **Jeff Myers**, Greene Countrie Towne Administrator. Jeff says hello and will be dropping in from time to time.

BULBS, BULBS, BULBS

All of your hard work has paid off. The bulbs which were planted last fall are up and beautiful. Congratulations on a job well done.

STOP BY AND VISIT

Francisville Greene Countrie Towne is taking shape. Stop by and visit all the new gardens in the neighborhood. Talk with the gardeners for growing tips on vegetables and flowers. The gardens are located at:

1917 Brown
726 N Uber
821-23 N 20th
2021 Ogden
855-59 N 20th *
725 Corinthian
1819-21 Ginnodo
824-36 Uber
1911-13 Parrish
1924-26 Cambridge

* - Site of the Celebration - October 9th

CELEBRATION - OCTOBER 9th

There's going to be party for **everyone** in Francisville on October 9th. It will be held in the soon to be developed lot at 855-59 N 20th Street. We'll have food, music, and fun, fun, fun. The Mayor will also be joining us. We're also celebrating the other ten new gardens of **Francisville Greene Countrie Towne**.

FROM THE GARDEN TABLE

Thanks to everyone who came out on February 23rd to the workshop on *"Traditional Gardening"* by **Blanche Epps**. Ms Epps shared information on vegetable growing and cooking. It was a treat to taste all of the food samples she brought. If you would like to come to other workshops, contact Lynne Westfield at 625-8280.

Here's one of Ms. Epps' recipes, developed from **The Garden of Gethsemane** in West Philadelphia.

Bean Sausages

Ingredients: 3 cups cooked beans (kidney, chick peas, white beans - or mix them)

1 cup soft whole wheat bread crumbs	1 tsp dried sage or mixed herbs
1 tsp salt (optional)	1/4 tsp pepper - hot or black
1 clove garlic - minced	2 eggs
1 tbs water or milk	Oil

Drain and grind cooked beans. Combine beans, bread crumbs, seasoning and 1 egg. Mix well. Now make mixture into balls and pat out and dip into second egg and bread crumb mixture. Fry in hot oil. Sausages keep well for up to two weeks.

EARLY VEGETABLES

Many vegetables should be planted between March 20th and May 10th. Try a few of these for an early crop: garden pea, turnip, radish, potato, onion sets, garlic, dandelion, cabbage, and asparagus. Need a planting demonstration? Call Lynne at 625-8280.

CITY GARDENS CONTEST

Home gardeners, you can enter your yard or vegetable garden, or container grown garden. Community gardeners can enter flower garden/sitting parks, garden blocks, window boxes, etc. Judging takes place in July and August. Prizes are awarded. Take advantage of this opportunity to showcase your outstanding efforts and hard work. No garden is too big, or small. All who are interested can contact Lynne Westfield at 625-8280.

Happy Spring!

Lynne Westfield
Greene Countrie Towne Coordinator

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West Shore

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PHILADELPHIA GREEN NEWS FROM WEST SHORE

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CABBAGE GROWIN' SECRET

Mrs. Mattie Robbins, 1435 S 47th Street has been growing champion-sized cabbages for years. The cabbage grow 36" - 39" and weigh 20 to 30 pounds. When asked what her secret is, she said, *"It's my manure tea - but the recipe is a secret... I don't tell anyone."* And it's going to stay a secret. However, Mrs. Robbins' generosity is no secret. Each year she donates six of her huge cabbage heads to **Mercy Douglas Human Service Center** at 36th and Chestnut. The residents have steamed cabbage the first day, then cole slaw the next. Mrs. Robbins also gives cabbage heads to her sick and shut-in neighbors.

For those gardens who would like a harvest this plentiful, Mrs. Robbins will only share these hints. She grows Coppenhagen Cabbage and buys her seed from Gurney Seed Company. She starts her seeds in the basement of her home under a grow light around the third week of March. She sets the plants out in the garden after the last frost. Her favorite meal is to cook the cabbage with ham hocks and serve with cornbread and pinto beans - **Yumm Yumm!!**

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HARVEST SHOW

As you plant, cultivate and harvest, begin to target those choice vegetables and flowers for the Harvest Show, September 26th and 27th at the Horticulture Center. The Show includes lots of

competition - (featuring entries of harvest tables, fruits, flowers, vegetables - some fresh, some preserved)

activities - live music, demonstrations of horticultural crafts, special events for children, and special guests to answer horticultural questions

exhibits - by local horticultural and educational organizations, as well as trade booths with goods for sale.

This year's theme is ***"Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."*** I hope to see the regular competitors and exhibitors back again this year. I also want to encourage new folk to display their harvest. The West Shore gardeners are some of the best in the City. Let's keep the tradition going!

NANCY'S SUMMER SUCCATASH

Ingredients — serves 4 - 5

4 ears fresh corn
3/4 lb of okra
1 medium onion
3 - 4 strips of fried bacon
5 large tomatoes

Fry bacon, until crisp, in heavy skillet (a Dutch Oven). Remove bacon and set aside. Add chopped onions to hot bacon grease. Cook and stir until onions are clear. Add peeled, chopped tomatoes. Simmer with onions 5 minutes in open skillet. Score and cut corn off cob. Add to tomato and onions. Cook slowly for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Slice okra in medium pieces. Add to mixture. Cook for 15 minutes. Add crisp bacon pieces (crumbled) and serve hot.

Good roots,

Lynne

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Point Breeze

Spring 1987

PHILADELPHIA GREEN NEWS FROM POINT BREEZE

Dear Point Breeze Gardeners,

It's been wonderful to be out and about again in Point Breeze these last few weeks. The Magnolia Tree at Taylor and Dickinson is in full bloom, the beautiful early peach tulips are open on 24th and Wharton, and everywhere street trees are in bud and people are painting and sweeping and preparing for spring. A number of new gardens are getting started in Point Breeze: 1432 S Taylor, 1410 S Taylor, 1624 Manton, 1218-28 S 17th, 2117 Earp, and 2249 Wharton Streets.

My daughter **Dory**, is 9 months old now, and I'm happily back at work in Point Breeze, along with **Angeline Boyer**, who will be working with me this summer. Keep an eye out for us, and don't hesitate to call us if we can be of any help.

It's great to be back,

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Jeannine Vannais

ATTENTION GARDEN BLOCKS (1 year or older)

Do you have people on your block who still want winebarrels or window boxes? Do you have any great ideas for beautifying your block? If so, drop me a note with your block address and a short description of what you're interested in. Send it to me in care of Garden Block Improvements.

ATTENTION INTERESTED BLOCKS

If your block is not now a PHILADELPHIA GREEN garden block and you would like to be; call our office and ask for an application. We are filled for this spring, but are looking for groups for next year.

SPECIAL REMINDER

Fruit Workshop at 18th & Glenwood

Saturday, May 30th - 11 AM to 1 PM

Come see this huge beautiful garden and see what fruit trees, brambles, and plants can be grown in city gardens.

A PHILADELPHIA GREEN Project
sponsored by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

CATHERINE'S FRESH FRUIT PIE

This quick pie is always delicious because most of the fruit is uncooked. Strawberries, raspberries and blackberries are especially good because their raw flavor is so much better (to my mind) than when cooked. This pie has very little sugar and the crust is even good for you, although that's not the reason it always disappears at one sitting!

CRUST

1/2 to 3/4 cup ground nuts
1/3 cup whole wheat flour
2 Tbs wheat germ
dash of salt
2 Tbs oil
2 Tbs honey
1 tsp almond extract (optional)

press into pie shell - Cook 12-15 minutes at 350. Watch carefully not to burn.

FILLING

1/2 cup berries — simmer 5
1/2 cup water — minutes
3 Tbs cornstarch
1/2 - 3/4 cup sugar — mix & add
(depending on berries)
1/2 cup water

heat until thick

mix with 1 1/2 - 2 pints berries and pile in crust

Strawberries - let gel cool before mixing
Peaches & Blueberries - mix warm

TOP WITH WHIPPED CREAM

REMINDER - please clean up your garden before your regular trash day. If you have BULK TRASH call MU6-1776, ext. 84404. (This is a special number for bulk trash pick-up in South Philadelphia.) They will want to know the exact location of the trash and what it is.

IS YOUR BLOCK INTERESTED IN STREET TREES? THERE ARE STILL A FEW OPENINGS IN OUR FALL SCHEDULE FOR NEW GROUPS - Please get a street tree application from the Point Breeze Federation, 1248 S 21st Street, or call our office and we will send you one (625-8280). BUT ACT QUICKLY, BECAUSE SPACE IS LIMITED.

FREE SOIL AND WOODCHIPS FOR POINT BREEZE GARDENERS

Free soil can be picked up by gardeners at **Landreth School,** 22nd & Federal Streets

Free woodchips can be delivered to your garden. Call **Daniel Lerro,** Philadelphia Electric - 841-4386

Gardeners can thank **Mamie Nichols** at the Point Breeze Federation for this convenience.

Josephine Jackson remembers that her grandfather, a Georgia Farmer, would always promise a particularly good gardening year after a winter of heavy snows. Let's hope so!

Robert Gay, of the 2200 block of Gerritt, remembers his grandfather, Charles, stewing red onions in honey as a remedy for fevers and chest congestion... an old native American recipe that he kindly shares. Do you have any old recipes in your family? I'd love to hear them.

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NEW NEWS!

We are proud to present the first issue of the ***"new and improved"*** GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE NEWSLETTER!

Other newsletters have covered individual Greene Countrie Townes in the past, but none have combined **all** the news about **all** the Greene Countrie Townes into one complete package. Under this new format, gardeners in the already established GCT's can find out what's going on in the new GCT's and everyone can share information, experiences, and helpful tips that can lead to the continued success of the program.

The Greene Countrie Towne Newsletter will be published 3 times per year (February, June and October). This schedule is closely tied to the peak of seasonal PHILADELPHIA GREEN gardening activities as well as to the major events sponsored by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. We look forward to hearing from all those experienced gardeners who know how to grow bigger and better vegetables as well as from those who know how to cook them. We can also try to help solve each other's puzzling pest problems. Remember, we are all here to spread the ***"gospel of greening,"*** and sharing is what it's all about.

The mural at 20th and Fairmount, painted by the Philadelphia Anti-Graffiti Network, will make a dramatic backdrop for the garden being developed this spring by neighbors and PHILADELPHIA GREEN.

NEW GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE STAFF

Since the spring of '87, the GCT Program has been going through a transition period. A special thanks to **Gwen Rapley** and **Janet Ferrell** who held the program together during this period. Their hard work resulted in the successful dedication of Francisville and significant progress in the next Greene Countrie Towne, Susquehanna.

Now that the dust has settled after a long period of searching for replacements, the program is well equipped with new staff members, **Mike Groman**, **Eileen Gray** and **Olivia Lehman**. Mike, a former environmental planning consultant, is the new GCT Administrator. Eileen, who received her horticultural training from Longwood Gardens and the Morris Arboretum is the new Coordinator for Point Breeze and West Shore. Olivia, the new Francisville Coordinator, comes to PHILADELPHIA GREEN with experience as Program Director at the Powelton Village Community Education Center.

See inside **Billboard** for G.C.T. gardening tips and events.

TERRARIUMS

Although we dream of spring and the magic of seeing gardens emerge, it's important to enjoy winter greening as well. One way to do that is to make a terrarium, which is an enclosed miniature garden. Terrariums are challenging, require minimal upkeep and are good children's projects.

CHOOSE A CONTAINER: If you're a beginner at making terrariums, it's probably best to choose containers which your hand will fit easily into such as: fish tanks or bowls, brandy snifter, wide-necked pitchers, mugs... use your imagination! Clear glass is best.

TOOLS:

Use household items such as pencils, tweezers, spoons, and small paint brushes for digging holes, placing plants and dusting.

SOIL: use soil-less plant mix purchased at garden shops or make your own mixture with sterilized soil, sand, and charcoal.

PLANTS:

o Slow, low growing plants are best suited for terrariums.

o All plants in a single terrarium should have the same light, temperature, and humidity requirements.

o It is best to select young plants in the smallest possible pot available. Young plants adapt more easily to new conditions than older ones, and a small pot insures a good root ball that won't fall apart when knocked out of the pot.

o Remember that the key to a successful terrarium is the initial watering. Immediately after planting is the best time to water.

WEST HAGERT

The gardeners of West Hagert have been busy this winter, not so much with shovels and fertilizer, but with brooms and dust pans making this GCT one of the cleanest neighborhoods in the area. Since the gardens are not taking up as much time these days, you'll often see **Dorsha Mason** and **Donna Thorpe** out there sweeping the sidewalks and picking up stray papers along the garden fences. You'll also hear them encouraging the kids in the neighborhood to do some sweeping on their own.

The gardens have been cleared of last season's debris and the spring bulbs have been planted. We hope that the plaque ordered for the ***Clarence Thorpe Memorial Garden*** will be delivered soon to make that garden totally official and kick off the spring season!

POINT BREEZE

The Point Breeze area is looking forward to the renovation of the Landreth School at 22nd and Federal Streets into 28 low income apartments. This location was once the site of the Landreth Nursery and Seed Gardens, still the oldest seed company in America. It was said to have been a showplace in a class with the famed Bartram Gardens. According to a recent meeting at St. Simon's Church, plans for the school include 9500 square feet of commercial and retail space (with a library as one of the main tenants). The basement is to be set aside for community use.

The Rouse Corporation is managing this project and funding is coming from a wide variety of investors and contributors.

PHILADELPHIA GREEN will be closely involved with the indoor and outdoor planting scheme.

The meeting had a large turnout of interested citizens and community groups. **Mamie Nichols** greeted everyone and **Haroldline Trower** was the photographer for the night. **Councilwoman Anna Verna** and other city officials also attended.

Plans are being made for improvements to the 25th Street Gardens. The gardens, which extend from Reed to Tasker Street were looking pretty good this past summer. However, the fall brought some vandalism which threatened the vegetable gardens as well as the watering system which was installed just last year. Not to be discouraged, the head gardeners of the area, **Alta Felton**, **Josephine Jackson** and **Anna Davis**, got together with PHILADELPHIA GREEN to solve the problems. Since the fencing around the garden is in pretty bad shape, the plans for the spring now include new cyclone fencing as well as development of the delivery areas and the construction of storage facilities for tools and supplies.

Spring will be busy on 25th Street!

BILLBOARD

Need a good tonic for your houseplants this winter? Here's a good recipe for **Compost Tea.**

4 parts coffee grinds
1 part bone meal
1 part wood ash (non painted wood) or potash

Mix all ingredients with enough water to make a liquid. Store in a loosely covered container and use throughout the year.

Rock salt for the winter will be available at the Titan Terrace office, 21st and Titan Streets. Bring your own containers. Call the Point Breeze Federation before pick up at 334-2666 or 334-2858.

Mr. Smith, of the Francisville Greene Countrie Towne, is an expert barbecue pit builder. If you would like to have a barbecue pit built in one of your gardens please call here at 625-8280 and we'll contact Mr. Smith.

An early reminder about the **Philadelphia Flower Show** - the dates this year are March 6th - 13th and the theme is: ***"The World Is Your Garden."***

Seed Catalogues - We have a list of seed catalogue distributors. Call the PG office at 625-8280 for a copy.

WEST SHORE

New sidewalks and curbing have been recently installed by the city at 47th Street and Linmore Avenue. *"What a difference it makes on the block"* says **Helen Feggans** who is a contact person for the West Shore area. It seems that the greening efforts of the community and PHILADELPHIA GREEN have inspired residents to improve the appearance of their homes and have caused the city to be more responsive to their needs. A major boost to the area came when the Enterprise Foundation agreed to renovate several of the vacant homes in the area for low income housing. The Foundation was so impressed with the progress in the neighborhood that it intends to use it as a model for future projects!

West Shore residents plan on being busy this spring. Future projects include a clean up and painting party, fund raising to purchase step railings for disabled residents, and new street lamps. This group is proving that with hard work and dedication, much can be accomplished.

FRANCISVILLE

The hectic time is finally over in Francisville. The gardeners are now getting a well deserved rest after getting the gardens ready for the celebration last October. **Una Vee Bruce** and all the gardeners in the neighborhood should be proud of their accomplishment.

Looking forward to spring, we will be working on several projects throughout the area. One of the more challenging ones will be the greening of the large lot at 20th and Fairmount.

If you would like to become involved with this project, please come to our first planning meeting on Saturday, February 13th at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be held at 708 N 19th Street. We took our first steps in mid-December with the laying of a mound of soil and the planting of daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips. But, that was just a beginning. We all hope you will join us in designing the area - so much is possible!

Following the meeting there will be a TERRARIUM MAKING WORKSHOP. The cost for the workshop is $5.00. Please pre-register if you're interested by calling 625-8280 and asking for **Olivia Lehman** or **Janet Ferrell**.

SUSQUEHANNA

Since the dedication of the Francisville GCT in October, Susquehanna stands as the newest GCT. Projects have been brewing since last year in the vicinity of 20th and Diamond Streets with the planting of street trees in the 2000 block of North 20th Street and partial completion of the combination garden at the corner of 20th and Diamond. Fellow gardeners in the area are enthusiastic about the developments at this site and contributed greatly to the project. **Willie Mae Bullock** took care of organizing the block and making sure that people were out to help with the project; **Joe Wilson** provided 2 strong arms; and **Mrs. Scott** and **Mrs. Hudson** cooked up some great lunches for the crew and PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff.

Geneva Dickersen, Katie Dowdell and friends created a new sitting garden at the corner of 16th and Lehigh Avenue where they're now waiting for the spring bulbs to pop up. Final touches, including benches and a picnic table, will be made in the spring. **Rachel Bagby,** from the Philadelphia Community Rehabilitation Corporation (PCRC), and **Willie Mae Bullock** have been encouraging applications for spring projects. **James Taylor** has been planning for improvments for Green Acres at 18th and Glenwood Avenue.

Spring will certainly be a busy time in the Susquehanna GCT. Gwen will be the staff contact until a new coordinator is hired. Feel free to give her a call if you have any questions or problems.

Combination vegetable and flower garden at 20th and Diamond Streets.

Recommended plants:

low growing:	intermediate height:	tall plants:
baby's tears	peperomias	dracenas
ajuga	boxwood	palms
mosses	ferns	chinese evergreen
creeping fig	violets	Norfolk Island Pine
sedum	anthurium	umbrella sedge

Some suggested combinations:

Woodland Terrarium	Meadow Terrarium
moss or baby's tears	moss or baby's tears
maidenhair fern	begonia
fittonia	African violet
ophiopogen (small grass)	impatiens
ajuga	sedum

Your terrarium can be a beautiful work of art complete with shells, special rocks, and mini-sculptures - some terrariums even have ponds in them. So use your imagination, have fun and be ready to make mistakes.

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A BIG YEAR FOR GCT's

PHILADELPHIA GREEN has wrapped up its 1987-88 season and the Greene Countrie Towne gardeners and coordinators have never worked so hard! Since last July a total of 118 projects were completed in the Greene Countrie Townes.

A Year of Accomplishments

The past year has been an eventful one. The Francisville GCT had a great celebration in October and the gardeners have been busy this spring trying to maintain the festive atmosphere at Memory Lane. Several gardens along Point Breeze Avenue in Point Breeze GCT were completed with the help of the Philadelphia National Bank (PNB). We thank PNB for their generosity. ***Alta Felton***, of the 25th Street gardens, recently celebrated her 75th birthday knowing that the Neighborhood Gardens Association/A Philadelphia Land Trust is working to permanently preserve the community garden that she and fellow garden leaders ***Anna Davis*** and ***Josephine Jackson*** coordinate.

Finally, the Ribbon of Gold project got its start in the Susquehanna, Francisville, and West Shore Greene Countrie Townes. The Ribbon of Gold idea encourages the planting of public areas and roadsides with black-eyed susans and other yellow flowers to create a visual theme for Philadelphia.

Coming Up in '89

PHILADELPHIA GREEN will emphasize development of successful veteran gardens. We also plan to integrate more workshops and training programs into our projects. We'll ask that the gardeners attend workshops in order to receive new plants, fencing, soil, and other material.

Susquehanna is the next GCT to be dedicated, and work will be intense in this area over the next 12 months. The Philadelphia Anti-Graffiti Network has started working on new murals for this area and will continue painting through the fall. The site of Mt. Kilimanjaro at the 20th and Diamond gardens has been stopping traffic!

Mount Kilimanjaro at 20th and Diamond Streets

Next year will mark the selection of the last 2 Greene Countrie Townes. Several neighborhoods have expressed interest in becoming Greene Countrie Townes. After their proposals have been submitted and reviewed we will make a final selection at the end of the summer. We will announce the lucky neighborhoods in the next GCT Newsletter.

NEW STAFF

A hearty welcome to ***Barbara Wagner*** and ***Ken Suber*** who have recently joined the GCT staff. Barbara has worked in the City Wide Department for several years. Her transfer to the GCT Department as the new coordinator for West Hagert and Susquehanna means that these areas will benefit from her wealth of gardening knowledge and experience.

Ken comes to PHILADELPHIA GREEN with a background in accounting, financial management, and variety of technical skills. As a gardener, Ken has always been excited about communty gardens and by the success stories of PHILADELPHIA GREEN. Ken will be helping Barbara part time as her Garden Assistant.

As a final note, ***Gwen Rapley*** who has worked as part time Garden Assistant for West Hagert and Susquehanna, has been recently promoted to full-time Program Assistant for the Greene Countrie Towne Department. She will now be working as an assistant to all the GCT coordinators.

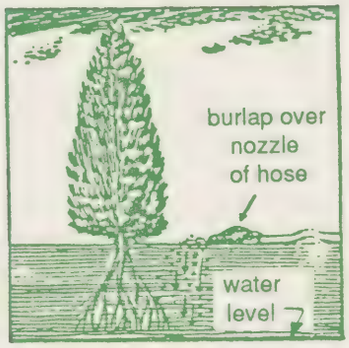
SUMMER GARDENING TIPS

Although plants cannot stay healthy without some care, it is possible to maintain greenery around the home without devoting huge amounts of time. Here are some easy maintenance tips:

1. Watering

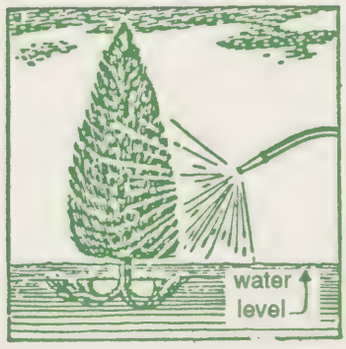
If possible, try to water early in the morning or in the late afternoon. Always water deeply, slowly and thoroughly every 5-7 days, giving special attention to recently planted material.

Do



Soaking the soil deeply encourages deep root development.

Don't



Spraying only the surface of the soil encourages shallow root development. Plant damage may occur during a sudden hot spell.

2. Mulching

Mulching is adding organic matter to the surface of the soil. It is necessary for these reasons:

* It brings nutrients to the soil
* It helps improve soil texture
* It helps the soil retain water and maintain a cool temperature
* It prevents weed growth

These are examples of mulches you can use:

* straw
* wood chips
* grass clippings
* leaves
* newspaper
* peat moss

Certain mulches such as woodchips use nitrogen in order to decompose. If nitrogen is not added to the soil, mulch will draw the nitrogen it needs from underlying soil robbing plants of this important nutrient. So be sure to apply a high nitrogen fertilizer such as blood meal or rotted manure to the soil before adding mulch, and water it in thoroughly .

POINT BREEZE

It was a busy spring for all the gardeners. In spite of a record number of rain days, the community participated in the addition of four new garden blocks and two improved blocks. This season, we experimented using new plastic pots and evergreen shrubs. The shrubs will extend the growing season with winter interest. The pots will hold up to changing weather conditions and retain more moisture during these warm months. If you want to check out the new style of containers, visit ***Mrs. Wilkins*** of 1700 Federal Street or ***Mrs. Coleman*** at 1500 S Woodstock. They'd be happy to give you a tour. And let us know what you think.

Four new lotscapes are in the final stages of development. Thanks to ***Maggie and Mr. Hughes, James Bond, Estelle Brown*** , and all the other folks for their participation on this project. A special thanks goes to ***Thelma Anderson*** of the Managing Director's Office, for her part in creating the new vegetable garden at 17th and Latona. The other three lotscapes will be attractive sitting gardens, emphasizing the use of seasonal color created with perennials and shrubs.

major steps were taken this spring and summer to ensure the permanence of the 25th Street Gardens. First off, the gardeners supported unanimously efforts of the Neighborhood Gardens Association/A Philadelphia Land Trust to try to acquire the garden sites on their behalf to preserve it as open space. ***Anna Davis, Alta Felton, and Josephine Jackson*** played a major role in organizing preliminary meetings and explaining the Land Trust to the other gardeners. Improvements to the site include the new cyclone fencing that will alleviate vandalism problems and provide support for growing fruits, berries, and ornamental roses. Other improvements planned for later this summer are a new water system and development of the delivery areas.

The other big event this spring was the celebration of ***Mrs. Felton's*** 75th birthday and 51 years of living on her block. It was a great party, with tons of good home cooked food and music. Thanks to Mrs. Felton's strength and caring efforts, the 25th Street gardens are having a positive influence on the community. **Happy Birthday Mrs. Felton from everyone at PHILADELPHIA GREEN.**

WEST SHORE

The West Shore Triangle at 47th Street and Grays Ferry Avenue will be glowing this summer as one of the locations for a new project called "Ribbon of Gold". The construction of a railroad tie bed with corral fencing and a golden perennial garden will hopefully correct the corner's traffic problems. ***Mattie Robbins*** ,her husband and the folks around the triangle are combining their efforts to care for the newly installed garden.

More evergreen shrubs were installed throughout West Shore to help sustain that green look all year round. These shrubs are a nice compliment to the colorful window boxes and tall trees that line the streets of this "seasoned" Greene Countrie Towne.

We're looking forward to working with the kids and teachers of the **Alexander Wilson School** this fall. School officials are planning to expand the science program and PHILADELPHIA GREEN has offered to help out. Have a great summer kids!

BILLBOARD

Tips on Organic Pest Control

Broken oyster shells help to raise the Ph of soil and discourage slugs.

Extracts of thyme, rosemary and sage help to repell cabbage butterflies.

Garlic oil spray is effective against onion flies, aphids, and thrips.

To make an effective organic spray, grind plant material (such as garlic, thyme, rosemary, chili peppers, etc.....) in a blender and add water to make liquid. Add a bit of dish detergent to help make the spray stick to the plants. Strain the mix through a coffee filter or old sock and pour into a spray bottle. Spray the plants once a week and the bugs will disappear in no time!

Gardening Questions

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Hotline - 922-8043
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 9:30 to 12 Noon

Penn State's Urban Gardening Program - 560-4167
Specializing in vegetable gardening. Monday thru Friday - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Morris Arboretum Plant Clinic - 247-5777 Ext. 105
Monday thru Friday - 1:30 to 3:30pm

Is your garden next to a busy street? To remove the dust from car emissions, it's a good practice to wash all vegetables in a vinegar and water solution and discard older or outer leaves during food preparation.

WEST HAGERT

The gardeners in West Hagert are like the plants they nurture - patient and generous. Colorful annuals and shrubs were shared between neighbors. A developing site at 2454 N 20th Street will be assisted by neighbors with its fence installation.

The Clarence Thorpe Memorial Garden will be dedicated in early July. At the ceremony several young people, who have gardened side-by-side with Dorsha Mason and Donna Thorpe, will be recognized for their outstanding service to the community. A model for all of our GCT communities!

SUSQUEHANNA

Moving right along! This is our motto in Susquehanna as we work together towards full development of this newest Greene Countrie Towne. There is lots to do before dedication. Fortunately, there is boundless community energy to propel us forward.

We started spring with the addition of eleven new Garden Blocks and five new lotscapes. Welcome to our family! These blocks as well as 11 second year Garden Blocks will be in glorious color this summer with geraniums and a variety of annuals.

Have you seen the garden at 20th and Diamond lately? Much community effort continues to beautify this site. Now joined by the efforts of the Philadelphia Anti-Graffiti Network, a magnificent mural of Mt. Kilimanjaro offsets the garden. Many of the children who live near this garden attend the **Frederick Douglass School** at 22nd and Norris Streets. They will benefit from greening activities at home and school. As part of its' 50th Anniversary the Douglass School faculty, students, and surrounding community have joined our Susquehanna parade. In particular, we are inspired by the interest and enthusiasm of the children. Summer greening activities are planned for the children at the 20th and Diamond Streets garden. In the fall, the children will assist with the planting of stree trees surrounding their school.

James Taylor, coordinator of Glenwood Acres at 18th & Glenwood Avenue, and "company" will welcome hundreds of rudbeckia (Black-eyed Susan) perennial plants as part of the "Ribbon of Gold" project. They will line the bank that faces the Amtrack line, commuters and visitors traveling by rail will get an eye full.

FRANCISVILLE

The newest changes in Francisville are taking place on 20th and Fairmount Avenue. Three new trees, some designing with belgian block, and a large bright yellow planting called "Ribbon of Gold" are emerging beneath the famous sailboat mural. The Ribbon of Gold will introduce yellow plantings of rudbeckia, marigolds, lilies and coreopsis into four selected areas in the city, of which Francisville is one.

We hope this spring activity will lead to a beautiful sitting garden and park area at 20th and Fairmount complete with paths, benches, raised beds and the cool shade from many trees.

Francisville will be exploding with color when the annuals bloom this summer.

3. Thinning,Pinching and Dead Heading:

Annuals and perennials all benefit from thinning, pinching, and deadheading. The key here is that seed production takes a lot of energy. Pinch stems and remove dead flowers to direct all the plant's energy towards producing new flowers and leaves instead of towards making new seeds in the old flowers. If tended in this way, plants will be bushier and blossoms will be larger.

4. Insects

A carefully maintained garden keeps plants healthy and discourages insect problems. Clear all weeds and debris out of the garden.That's where the bugs hide. Careful sanitation, removing damaged leaves and dead flowers, and regular watering helps prevent insect and disease problems.

If a problem develops,use insecticides **carefully** according to instructions on the label. **DO NOT SPRAY INSECTICIDES ON A WILTED OR STRESSED PLANT.**

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Dedication Update

December 3rd was the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of Strawberry Mansion's Community leaders **Florie Dotson, Marva Harris,** gardeners and block captains. They met at the N.A.C. office, 2920 W. Diamond Street. At that meeting, the many people who have been dedicated to making Strawberry Mansion the next Greene Countrie Towne chose **September 25th and 26th** as the dates for their dedication and celebration. Watch for details on locations and a schedule of activities in a later issue of this newsletter.

Turner Street Greening

Local block captain and gardener **Dorothy Boseman** of 3200 Turner Street works with caring neighbors **Florie Dotson** and **Lena Brown** to keep their community clean and beautiful.

These women run a childrens' Summer Garden Club which has won City Gardens Contest awards for their beautiful garden, filled with vegetables and flowers. This year, even more positive changes have occurred within this neighborhood with PG's assistance. The group received new fencing and loaner tools. PG's Education Specialist assisted at work days. This block also participated in a tree pruning workshop to remove low hanging branches, which added more light to their flower garden. Turner Street gardeners also organized a bulb planting day in the fall. The neighbors are sure to love the floral display this coming spring.

If your street trees need some work, organize a group of workers. Then contact PG's Education Department and we will train you in pruning your trees and shrubs. Call us at 625-8280.

Welcome to No. 1

This issue is the first in a series of newsletters, Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall, for the community gardeners of Strawberry Mansion Greene Countrie Towne. The coming season will be a busy one with all the preparations for the celebration in September. We will help publicize your activities.

Having a neighborhood meeting? Do you have a safe remedy to reduce the bees in your garden? Would you like to share one of your favorite recipes? Do you have some perennials to divide or some seeds to give away? Would you like to volunteer your gardening expertise to help other gardeners in Strawberry Mansion?

If so, please share your articles, requests, and information for the next Spring 1992 newsletter by February 15th. Send to GCT Newsletter, c/o Ignatius Weekes or Verlene Johnson, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Seasons Greetings. We hope everyone has a memorable holiday season, full of all the happiness you can fit in. Happy Holidays!

Verlene Johnson, Site Development Coord.
Ignatius Weekes, Education Specialist
Patricia Schrieber, Newsletter Editor
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Elves Seen at Center

A band of Philadelphia Green elves dropped in for a visit with **Evelyn Forbes'** youth group on the 10th of December at the Mander Center, 33rd & Diamond.

We decked the halls with 25 children, teaching them to make colorful door swags to take home. This was the first year that PG worked with this group of wonderful kids.

If you lead a group of children ages 6 - 12, and are interested in teaching them more about gardening, contact Youth Program Specialist **Eugene Reeves** at 625-8280 for more info.

A Lot Becomes Beautiful

Neighbors and PG staff have begun the work for beautifying another lot in Strawberry Mansion. The site is located at 1963-65 N. 31st. **Marion Faison, James Atkins, George Glover, Frank Williams, Joe McFadden,** and neighbors of the 3000 Block of West Norris were on hand for the first meeting. The group had plenty of questions and was ready to get started. L. & I. Coordinating team Mark Teller, Melinda Johnson and Kalyan Bhagratty explained the development process. Cyclone fencing has been installed, soil delivered, and a large crab tree planted. Other new sites include 3010 W. Diamond St., Contact **Anna Smith,** 2152 N. 27th St., Contact **Lillie Young,** 2138-40 N. Natrona St., Contact **Mae Davis.**

Rebirth of a Garden

The restoration of Tanner Triangle, 2734-36 W. Diamond St. began last spring with a massive pruning of overgrown shrubs. Trash was also cleared from the site. **Charlotte Lewis** and other concerned neighbors turned out to assist with this project. Attending this workshop were **John and Florie Dotson, Evelyn Forbes, Lottie Glover.**

After the clean-up, the PG crew replaced a dead tree with a flowering crabapple tree. The gardeners added a number of annuals and perennials as well as shrubs and ornamental grasses. Charlotte Lewis and neighbors provided constant care with watering and weeding almost every day. PG Staff **Verlene Johnson** and **Greg Shakoor** assisted in the reclamation of this park.

Tanner Triangle was greatly enhanced by two garden murals created by **Philadelphia Anti-Graffiti Network.** These murals located at 2727-29 W. Sedgely Ave. and 2020 N. Etting Street were dedicated by **Mayor W. Wilson Goode** on October 31st.

Bargain Seeds

Instead of buying seeds in the spring, why not collect seeds now from your own garden? Look around and see what you can find. Collect and store seeds in a cool dry location. Be sure to label them. For a handout on seed saving or other garden topics, call Eve Miller at 625-8280.

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Early Seed Starting

Strawberry Mansion gardeners sponsored a **Seed Starting Workshop** at the Scattered Sites office, 3100 Cecil B. Moore Avenue. This workshop was well-attended by many eager gardeners. PG's Education Specialist **Iggy Weekes** led the workshop. He covered such topics as early seed starting indoors, transplanting outdoors into cold frames, and hardening off. House plant care was also discussed. Each person went home with her own Seed Starting Kit, seeds and fertilizer. They were joined by PG Staff Verlene Johnson, Delcina Wigfall and Melinda Johnson. Gardeners attending included **Rosa Bell Boderick, Lynnette Cheatham, Geneva Coleman, Florie A. Dotson, Cornelia Harris, Geraldine Horsey, Estelle C. Langford, Carrie Longly, Dottie Smith, Eunice Smith, Diane Wescott, Ethel Williams, and Rosa Lee Young.** *I.W.*

Easter Raffle Drawing

The **Arizona Street Block Association** (2900 W. Arizona) held an Easter raffle drawing Saturday, April 4th, 1992 in the garden at 29th & Arizona Streets. First prize - $75.00, Second Prize - $50.00, Third Prize - $25.00. The proceeds went to purchase outdoor lights for the gardens on the corners of Arizona Street. The drawing was a huge success. *V.J.*

Strawberry Mansion Dates for Dedication

Spring is officially here, with things starting to green up. Dormant lawns are coming to life. What a great time of year....The date of the dedication of Strawberry Mansion has been changed from **September 25th and 26th to September 18th and 19th**. Festivities on Friday, September 18th will focus on the area around **Tanner Triangle**, 28th, Diamond and Sedgley, involving Strawberry Mansion participation in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Philadelphia Green. Saturday, September 19th is designated as **People's Day**. Celebrations will be at two primary locations: 1) Diamond Street and 2) 32nd to the edge of Fairmount Park on 33rd Street around Turner Street. *V.J.*

Block Captains Meet

Strawberry Mansion Greene Countrie Towne's Block Captains Meeting was held on April 2nd at Lebanon Baptist Church, 2910-18 W. Diamond Street. Attendants were **Lenora Jackson-Evans,** Organized Block Representative, **Florie Dotson**, Greene Countrie Towne Coordinator and Strawberry Mansion Citizen Participation Council. Inc./ CDC Board Member, **Verlene Johnson, Delcina Wigfall, Mike Groman** from Philadelphia Green, **David Barnes**, Clean Block Representative, Philadelphia More Beautiful Committee, **Officer Riley,** Crime Prevention officer of the 22nd Police District, **Nina Traylor**, Strawberry Mansion Brownstone Corp. President, **Denise Clark** and **Alan Lomax**, Strawberry Mansion Clean-up Coordinators and **Evelyn Forbes**, Greene Countrie Towne Committee. *V.J.*

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Grade School Gardeners

Teachers and students from the **William Dick School**, 25th & Diamond, are ready to begin their brand new gardening program. This project will involve classroom grow labs for seed starting as well as window sill container gardening. The program will include students from kindergarten through 5th grade. Teachers **Marcia Brown, Kathryn Purnell,** school librarian **Elaine Perrett**, and **Principal Gonzales** are very excited about setting up this new gardening adventure for the children with Philadelphia Green's assistance. Later this spring, the classes will take on an outdoor demonstration plot in the nearby PHA **Johnson Homes** Vegetable Garden. The kids will share in the joy of gardening with a number of Johnson Homes senior citizens. *I.W.*

Teen Gardeners Program

Community leaders and faculty from the **Strawberry Mansion Middle School** were concerned that neighborhood youth and adults were not working together or learning enough about each other. They decided to work with each other and PG on a community youth program. The initial meeting was held on March 25th at the Strawberry Mansion Middle School. Everyone had a chance to discuss options and the direction of the much-needed project.

Representing the community were **Florie Dotson**, **Marva Harris**, and **Lenora Jackson-Evans,** Science teacher **Mr. Finley** and Vice Principal **Mr. Miller** presented the school's position. PG staff Patricia Schrieber, Ignatius Weekes and Delcina Wigfall also attended.

All parties gave the go-ahead on establishing this program. Please contact Marva Harris or Lenora Jackson-Evans at **236-8444** if you have a special project that the kids can assist on. The students are already signed up for several park clean-ups this spring. *I.W.*

Happenings *By Florie Dotson*

Kickoff to Celebration Year

Strawberry Mansion Greene Countrie Towne gathered 35 gardeners along with 300 other community members for a prayer breakfast held at Lebanon Baptist Church, January 4, 1992. **Reverend Green** officiated, with **Congressman Lucien Blackwell** as honored speaker.

Trips as Fundraisers

With all the activities planned for the September celebration, Strawberry Mansion GCT is sponsoring several fundraising trips. First stop, on April 4th was a shopping trip to Englishtown. Get ready for a super trip to Atlantic City and the casinos on July 11, 1992. For information and tickets, contact **Marva Harris** or **Lenora Jackson-Evans** at the NAC office, 2920 W. Diamond Street, 236-8444.

Garden Dedication

Join your neighbors on July 1st for the dedication of the **Andrew Rhoades Gateway Garden**, honoring Strawberry Mansion's own political and community activist. The garden is located at 29th & Ridge.

Gardener's Gala

Strawberry Mansion GCT was well-represented at Gardener's Gala brunch held the last day of the Philadelphia Flower Show. The group, including community leaders, senior citizens and their escorts, thoroughly enjoyed the company, the food and a visit to the Flower Show. Attending were Rebecca Allen, Rosa Bell Boderick, Mary Lena Brown, Denise Clark, Bertha Dillard, Florie & John Dotson, Jean Edwards, Evelyn Forbes, Martha Grose, Marva Harris, Lenora Jackson-Evans, Anthony Langford, Dorothy Maddrick, Leroy McMullen, Dorothy Porter, Nina Traylor, Isabelle Washington, Oralee Wilson, Rosa Lee Young.

Welcome to New Groups

Lotscapes:	Contact:
2342-44 N. 29th Street	Frank Davis
2846 W. Diamond Street	Ronald Morton
3201 W. Oxford Street	Rosa Lee Young
2401-05 N. Dover Street	Darnell Philyaw
2814 W. Susquehanna	Leroy McMullen
2031-33 N. 31st Street	Elaine Perrett
3237 W. Page Street	John A. Malone

Garden Blocks:	Contact:
1900 N. Stanley	James Atkinson
3000 W. Norris Street	M. Faison
2900 W. Arizona Street	Frank Davis
2600 N. 30th Street	Margaret Streeter
2600 N. Stanley Street	Thelma Rose
2100 N. 27th Street	Lillie Young

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Black History Event

By Florie Dotson

Lebanon Baptist Church was packed the morning of February 19th for the Annual Black History program. The **Strawberry Mansion Citizen Participation Council/CDC and Greene Countrie Towne** has sponsored this event for many years. This year, students from the **Richard R. Wright Elementary School** were in the spotlight, inspiring all with their poems, speeches and choral singing. Their appreciative audience included parents, neighbors, and fellow students from the Wright School and Strawberry Mansion Middle School. **Mr. C. Bashman**, principal of **Strawberry Mansion Middle School** was guest speaker. **Ms. Greta Adams**, Wright School Counselor, supported the children's performances. **Ms. Lenora Jackson-Evans** of the NAC office coordinated the event.

Committee is Involved

The Green Countrie Towne Committee was formed in 1987 by the Strawberry Mansion Citizen Participation Council to coordinate the blocks in their greening projects and to keep the community informed about their role in the September 1992 dedication. The members are **Marva Harris, Evelyn Forbes, Florie Dotson, Dorothy Maddrick, Eugene Ridout, Dorsey Wigfall, Isabelle Washington, Lenora Jackson-Evans, Frank Davis and Jim Norris.**

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What's Next ????????

By Ignatius Weekes

I am writing to introduce myself to your gardening group as the Philadelphia Green staff member assigned to the Strawberry Mansion Greene Countrie Towne(GCT).

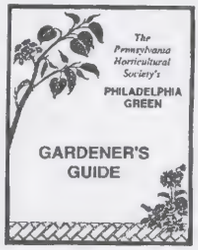
It took a lot of determination and cooperation to get the GCT launched. All your hard work produced beautiful gardens and greener blocks. You and your neighbors can be proud of your accomplishments and those of the whole Greene Countrie Towne.

Now that Strawberry Mansion GCT has been dedicated, Philadelphia Green will be concentrating special attention on educational programs. As the Philadelphia Green staff person in Strawberry Mansion, I will offer:

- workshops & demonstrations
- information on how to raise funds for plants, tools and soil
- a copy of the Philadelphia Green **Gardeners' Guide**
- and more

We recognize your commitment to improving your neighborhood. We share your desire to make a difference through community gardening.

Feel free to call me at **625-8280** for more information or if you would like to host a workshop.



Strawberry Mansion Wins

By Verlene Johnson

For the past four years, I've had the opportunity and pleasure to work with Strawberry Mansion Greene Countrie Towne (GCT). Community leaders **Florie Dotson, Marva Harris, Lenora Jackson-Evans, Evelyn Forbes, John Dotson, Charlotte Lewis, Jim Norris, Dorothy Maddrick**, and their neighbors worked diligently to make the dedication of Strawberry Mansion a tremendous success. Congratulations to the gardeners who shoveled, raked, weeded, (though the game was on tv), watered, (though it just rained), shared ideas, plants and attended block meetings. Your deep commitment contributed to the impact and success of the greening in Strawbery Mansion GCT. Thank you for being great team players!

Thank you

By MaryLena Brown & Dorothy Boseman

Congratulations to dear **Florie Dotson** for her outstanding dedication and contributions to the greening of Strawberry Mansion Greene Countrie Towne. Her participation and leadership with the Greene Countrie Towne celebration inspired us all on the 18th of September at the Tanner Triangle. You, Florie, made us proud for keeping up the dreams after so many years. Thank you.

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People's Day Revisited

By Dorothy Boseman

The weather was nice and the mood was set for a successful **People's Day** in Strawberry Mansion Greene Countrie Towne, September 19, 1992. "This is our day," said **MaryLena Brown** and **Dorothy Boseman** of the 3200 Block of Turner Street. Their goal was to put on a block party for all the gardeners and neighbors for a job well done.

Preparation for this feast involved the ordering of umbrella tables, music and DJ (thanks to **Annie Rozier**). Of course, the barbecue grills were fired up and ready.

One of the highlights of the feast was a delicious dish of antipasto salad prepared by co-block captain Annie Rozier. Annie made it with a collection of onions, tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers from the neighborhood's gardens.

Gardens Triumph in CGC

By Verlene Johnson

Congratulations to the following Strawberry Mansion winners in the **1992 City Gardens Contest (CGC)**, held October 26, 1992, at the Port of History Museum:

First year gardens

2nd 1944-46 N. 32nd Street
Catherine Jordan, Sylvester Woody and neighbors;
2141 N. Marson Street
Lenora Jackson-Evans and neighbors

3rd 2535 N. 29th Street
Otis G. Cummings and neighbors
3237 W. Page Street
John A. Malone and neighbors

Garden Blocks

2nd 2700 Block of W. French Street
Lenora Jackson-Evans & neighbors

3rd 3300 Block of W. Cumberland Street
Delores Butler & neighbors
3000 Block of W. Fontain Street
Elaine Perrett, Gertrude Regan & neighbors

Community Flower Garden - Small

3rd 3023 W. Page Street
Mary Miller & neighbors

Community Flower Garden - Large

3rd 2338-40 N 29th Street
Jim Norris & neighbors
2429-37 N Marston Street
Lorraine Harris, Peggy Williams & neighbors
2801-03 W Diamond Street
William Dixon, Gilbert Tyree & neighbors

Community Combination Gardens - Mid-Size

3rd 3041-43 W. York Street
Colonial Banks & neighbors

L & I Lotscape Beautification Program

1st 2146-48 N. 27th Streets
Clannie Berrian & neighbors

3rd 1959-65 N 31st Street
Marion Faison, James Atkins, & neighbors

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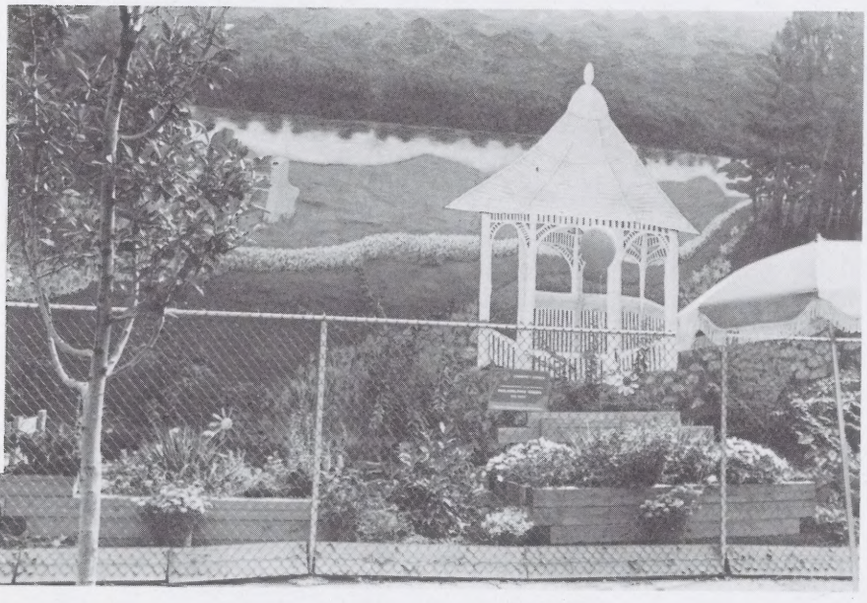
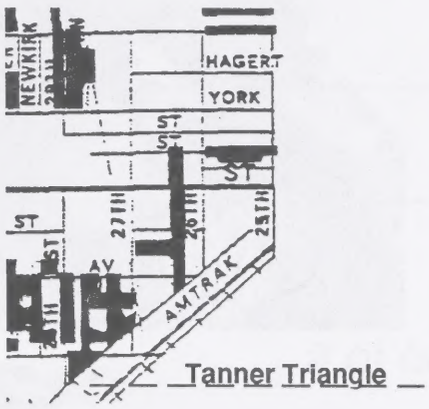


In Memory

By Dorothy Boseman

The residents of the 3200 Block of Turner Street and the Strawberry Mansion community would like to acknowledge the passing of a dear friend and neighborhood helper, **Mr. Claude Collins** who died October 13, 1992. We will miss him deeply. His community efforts aided 3200 Turner Street in becoming a fourth place finalist among the 39 or more North Philadelphia blocks involved in the **Philadelphia More Beautiful Contest**.

Our goal in 1993 will be to improve on our fourth place finish, with all those who passed on in mind.



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Rebirth of Tanner Triangle

By Ignatius Weekes

In spring 1991, **Charlotte Lewis** and her fellow gardeners gathered for a clean-up and shrub pruning workshop at **Tanner Triangle**. At that time, no one could really picture how this future celebration site would turn out. Yet, the gardeners are proud of how beautiful it was on that history-making day, September 18, 1992.

This sitting garden, first created in 1978, is located in the middle of a busy intersection. All the hard work and care that was put into the site didn't go unnoticed.

The initial goal was to reclaim and restore Tanner Triangle to its original beautiful state. Many concerned gardeners and neighbors removed trash, pruned shrubs and trees. The work was followed up by other workshops and technical assistance to the gardeners as requested.

A special lesson can be learned from this project. Some people believed that the site would never be controllable over a period of time. For years, people trashed and damaged the unfenced garden. There now is very little destruction at the Triangle, an open site used at all hours of the day and night. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Be sure to view the stone and plaque commemorating the official **Strawberry Mansion Greene Countrie Towne** dedication at Tanner Triangle, a very fitting and deserving place to keep such a piece of history.

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